



BEAUFORT COUNTY 4-H PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT GUIDE

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ABOUT 4-H PROJECTS

By enrolling in a 4-H project, you are given the opportunity to explore a specific area of interest. Through local 4-H volunteer club leaders and county 4-H staff, you will be provided with the resources and support to develop skills and gain knowledge related to that topic. Learning about a 4-H project is fun—it involves meeting others who share your interest, engaging in hands-on experiences that allow you to learn by doing, going on field trips, participating in events that test your skills, and much more. All projects also provide opportunities to develop your record keeping, community service, leadership, and presentation skills as well as explore career options.

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GENERAL INFORMATION & RULES

About South Carolina 4-H: South Carolina's 4-H Youth Development Program follows the same mission and model as the National 4-H program. It uses the same learn-by-doing approach and the involvement of caring adults, as well as the additional knowledge and resources of Clemson University, which is part of the land grant university system, to empower youth to become healthy, productive, and contributing members of society.

Membership: All applicants must be members in good standing (4Honline enrollment active with paid membership dues) of 4-H in Beaufort County. Participants must meet the appropriate age requirements 5 - 18 years old. 4-H ages are as of January 1st of the current 4-H year, which begins on September 1st and runs through August 31st.

For competition, S.C. 4-H members will be divided into the following age categories:

Cloverbud: 5-8

Junior: 9-13

Senior: 14-19

4-H Cloverbuds are limited to participating in non-competitive activities.

Late Entries: 4-H members who turn in entries after a specified deadline will receive the following point deductions from their scores for every day the entry is late:

- Record book--1 point out of 10 possible points
- Portfolio--10 points out of 200 possible points
- Photo Contest--5 points

PROJECT MATERIALS

Getting Project Materials: 4-H members may request activity guides and record guides and/or kits at no additional charge. Please allow up to two weeks to receive project guides. The 4-H office has several kits with materials available for check out, but some materials will be the 4-H member's responsibility to fundraise for or purchase. Please contact Meghan at mebarkl@clermson.edu with any questions you have.

Regional & State Projects: Projects on the regional & state levels, such as the garden project and wildlife food plot project, will have project enrollment fees.

CLOVER DOLLARS

Clover Dollars are rewarded to 4-H members for hard work and may be used for the following:

- Leadership weekends
- Camp registration
- Items available in the 4-H mall
- Project materials
- Project fees

PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES



The 4-H portfolio is designed to help Senior 4-H members prepare a comprehensive summary of their involvement in the 4-H program and the impact it has made on their lives. A portfolio is a collection of items and information that documents growth and achievement over a specified period of time. These items can be written work, art work, photographs, audio tapes, videotapes, animated PowerPoint, or other items. They must be organized and presented in such a way that the presentation conveys meaningful information and shows knowledge and skills developed throughout the 4-H career to those looking at the portfolio.

The portfolio format allows 4-H members to be creative in presenting their information. Specific information must be included, regardless of the format chosen. Written and visual art formats must be printed on single-sided pages with an easily read typeface and point size, 1 inch margins, and include sections divided by tabs. Scrapbook style is acceptable. Audio and video formats may not exceed 15 minutes in length. Flash drives are preferred for digital portfolios; however, DVDs are acceptable. Digital portfolios should be accompanied by a hard copy (tabs not required).

For additional guidelines please visit

https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/about/recognition/portfolio_guidelines_scoresheet-2019.pdf

REGIONAL & STATE AWARDS

Presentation Contest
Junior, Senior

Small Garden Project
Junior, Senior

Honey Bee Project
Junior, Senior

Wildlife Food Plot Project
Junior, Senior

Portfolio Contest
Senior

COUNTY AWARDS

Spirit of 4-H

Photo Contest
Junior, Senior

COUNTY OVERALL JR & SR

Nominations for overall Junior and Senior 4-H members may be submitted by 4-H club leaders and/or 4-H mentors. Members for each category must complete the following to be eligible:

- Turn in a completed record book
- Submit 150 word summary of 4-H achievements during the current 4-H year (September 1st - August 31st)
- Be interviewed by a panel of judges

Junior winner will receive \$50 VISA gift card, plaque, and certificate.
Senior winner will receive \$100 VISA gift card, plaque, and certificate.

PARTICIPANT AWARDS

All members in good standing will be recognized for their participation in Beaufort County 4-H. All participants will receive a membership certificate and recognition pin. The pin will indicate the number of years the 4-H member participated in 4-H on it.

To be eligible for participant awards, youth should

- Be a member in good standing (4-H enrollment completed and dues paid)
- Attend six club meetings or meet with a 4-H mentor at least five times.

PROJECT AREA AWARDS

The top scoring record books for both the Junior Division and Senior divisions will be rewarded in the following project areas:

- Agriculture & Animals
- Science, Engineering, & Technology
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Natural Resources
- Personal Development
- Leadership & Citizenship

CLOVERBUD

CLOVERBUD LEVEL AWARDS

GREEN CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H mentor a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

GREEN CLOVER AWARDS

Green clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

ABOUT CLOVERBUD PARTICIPATION

JUNIOR

JUNIOR LEVEL AWARDS

BRONZE CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H mentor a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

BRONZE CLOVER AWARDS

Bronze clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

SILVER CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H member a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

Participate in two 4-H activities

SILVER CLOVER AWARDS

Silver clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

25 4-H clover dollars

JUNIOR

JUNIOR LEVEL AWARDS CONT'D

GOLD CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H mentor a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

Participate in two 4-H activities

Participate in a regional or state level competition

GOLD CLOVER AWARDS

Gold clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

50 4-H dollars

Medallion

EMERALD CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H mentor a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

Participate in 2 4-H activities

Participate in a regional or state level competition

Give a presentation on a 4-H project

EMERALD CLOVER AWARDS

Emerald clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

75 4-H dollars

Medallion

SENIOR

SENIOR LEVEL AWARDS

BRONZE CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H mentor a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

BRONZE CLOVER AWARDS

Bronze clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

SILVER CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H member a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

Participate in three 4-H activities

SILVER CLOVER AWARDS

Silver clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

25 4-H clover dollars

SENIOR

SENIOR LEVEL AWARDS

GOLD CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H mentor a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

Participate in three 4-H activities

Participate in a regional or state level competition

Give a presentation on a 4-H project

GOLD CLOVER AWARDS

Gold clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

50 4-H dollars

Medallion

EMERALD CLOVER STANDARDS

Attend at least six club meetings (Independent members must meet with 4-H mentor a minimum of five times.)

Turn in a completed 4-H record book

Participate in a 4-H community service project

Participate in 3 4-H activities

Participate in a regional or state level competition

Give a presentation on a 4-H project

Turn in a completed 4-H portfolio

EMERALD CLOVER AWARDS

Emerald clover certificate

Name announced at awards banquet

75 4-H dollars

Plaque

My 4-H Project Record Book Score Sheet



A 4-H project record book is meant to be a learning experience for 4-H members. Keeping a 4-H record book helps youth to organize themselves, set reasonable goals, appreciate what is learned by meeting those goals, keep track of activities and expenses, gather information needed to apply for awards and scholarships, complete applications and resumes for jobs and college, and meet requirements to participate in some county, state, or national 4-H events. Completing a 4-H project record book is also a minimum requirement to be a 4-H club member "in good standing" and needed for a 4-H club to be designated as a 4-H Honor Club.

4-H project record books are often used as an indication of the quality of a 4-H member's work during the year and to help with the selection of 4-H awards and recognition. Below are the standards for judging 4-H project record books.

Member name: _____

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| 1. Does the completed record book have all required signatures? | YES | NO |
| 2. Were goals set at the beginning of the 4-H year? | YES | NO |
| a. Were goals achieved? | YES | NO |
| b. If not, was there a reasonable explanation? | YES | NO |
| 3. Were reasonable goals set for next year based on what was learned this year? | YES | NO |
| 4. Did the member complete the project? | YES | NO |
| 5. Does the record book appear to be maintained throughout the year, not just completed at the end of the year? | YES | NO |

For items 6-11, circle a rating for each. F=Fair, G=Good, VG=Very Good, E=Excellent
(The age of the 4-H member and number of years in project should taken into consideration.)

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| 6. Meaningfulness of the project activities the member participated in during the year | F | G | VG | E |
| 7. Significance of leadership and citizenship experiences (including service and public speaking) during the year | F | G | VG | E |
| 8. Completeness and accuracy of project expenses | F | G | VG | E |
| 9. Overall completeness of the record book (with extra pages as needed) | F | G | VG | E |
| 10. How clearly has the 4-H member shown what he/she has learned during the past 4-H year? | F | G | VG | E |
| 11. Quality of 4-H Story in explaining what member gained in 4-H during the past year, using examples unique to the member | F | G | VG | E |
| 12. Overall rating of the completed 4-H project record book, based on the above:
(Fair = 1-4, Good = 5-6, Very Good = 7-8, Excellent = 9-10) | | | | |

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fair									Excellent

Judge's Signature _____ Date _____

Put judge's comments on other side

10/19